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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :) Examiner: Manjunath N. Rao, Ph.D.
SATOSHI KOIZUMI, ET AL. :) Group Art Unit: 1652
Application No.: 09/645,321 :)
Filed: August 25, 2000 :)
For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING :) April 10, 2002
N-ACETYLNEURAMINIC ACID :)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 15, 2001 to April 15, 2002. A check in the amount of \$920.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

In response to the Office Action dated October 15, 2001 (Paper No. 6), please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new Claims 17 and 18 to read as follows.

17. (New) A process for producing N-acetylneurameric acid which comprises: